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WI Legislators Circulate Pro-Growth "Air Quality & Economic Opportunity" Package of Legislation

Madison, WI – Today, principle authors Representatives Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum) and Cody Horlacher (R-Mukwonago) and Senators Duey Stroebel (R- Saukville) and Chris Kapenga (R-Waukesha) introduced the "Air Quality & Economic Opportunity" Reforms Package in an attempt to remove burdensome policies that are stifling Wisconsin businesses and depressing the quality of life for our lower, middle, and fixed income constituents. This economic inequality from one region to the next has become known as "No-Growth Zones." A couple of the concepts that will be tackled in "Air Quality & Economic Opportunity" package are the reformulated fuels (RFG) mandate and emissions testing requirements in Southeastern Wisconsin and the EPA's air monitor in Sheboygan County that measures Chicago air and pushes the Sheboygan region into a "non-attainment" classification.

"State lawmakers are the representative voice of their constituents," said Rep. Kremer. "Well-intentioned, decades old policies by the federal government and unelected bureaucrats at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have had unnecessary and devastating outcomes. I have listened to my constituents and teamed up with other concerned colleagues in hopes that we can tackle the disparaging economic impact that the federal, and state government, have had on Wisconsin residents and businesses. Now is the time to liberate our 'No Growth' zones."

Senator Stroebel wrote upon the release of the package, "Government regulations must be grounded in facts and reality, and this package of reforms is about making sure that unnecessary and burdensome red tape is eliminated so all Wisconsinites can prosper regardless of where they live."

"Wisconsinites need to be able to live and work without being punished by overly burdensome regulations," stated Rep. Horlacher. "I am working with my colleagues to address these examples of government overreach and help every day folks do business in Wisconsin."

"It is time that Wisconsin begins to break free from the EPA's ever-changing environmental standards that increase costs to taxpayers with little added value to the environment," said Senator Kapenga commenting on the bills circulation.

Coming on the heels of the Foxconn investment package bill signing, these lawmakers want to ensure that Wisconsin is moving forward for *all* residents, businesses and entrepreneurs. Legislation focused on cutting red tape and pushing back on federal overreach will continue to move Wisconsin forward. These reforms represent a clear catalyst that will allow all businesses to unlock opportunities on an equal playing field – no matter where they may be located.

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